GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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GOODS EXPORT AND IMPORT THROUGH SEA ROUTE
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge amount of goods are exported and imported in the country through the sea route;

(b) if so, the places at the sea shores in the country where the job of loading and unloading from the ships is carried out;

(c) whether the big cargo ships have to stop in the sea miles off the shore due to less depth of sea where from small ships and boats carry the cargo to the shore; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the depth of sea near the shores at these ports ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)
(a): Goods weighing 189 million tonnes were exported or imported in the country during 1998-99 through sea-route.
(b): Loading or unloading of goods on to/from the ships is carried out at various major/minor/intermediate ports in the country. The names of Major Ports in the country are as under:-
Calcutta, Paradip, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Tuticorin, Cochin, New Mangalore, Mormugao, Jawaharlal Nehru, Mumbai and Kandla.
Minor/Intermediate ports in the country are spread over in the following Maritime States and Union Territories :-
Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Orissa, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshdweep.
(c)&(d): Due to draft restrictions, larger vessels cannot be berthed in some ports. In such a situations, cargo loading / unloading from such vessels is carried out in the deep sea. The cargo from / to the shore is brought with the help of smaller vessels/barges.
The minimum depth of Entrance Channel to various Major Ports is as follows:-

(In meters)

Calcutta} Haldia }	6.7
Paradip	12.8
Visakhapatnam	
Inner Harbour	10.7
Outer Harbour	17.5
Chennai	
Inner Harbour	18.6
Outer Harbour	19.2
Tuticorin	10.4
Cochin	11.8
New Mangalore	15.4
Mormugao	13.7
J.L.Nehru	11.0
Mumbai	10.9
Kandla	4.3
Vadinar	23.5